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SUBJECT: OAU REQUESTS BRIEFING

REF: ADDIS ABABA 8441

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING TO ONU,
ORALLY OR IN WRITING, IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST REFTEL.

2. THE PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE SOUTH
AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER WAS TO SEE WHETHER WAYS COULD
BE FOUND TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL EVOLUTION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, TO AVOID OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN THE AREA, AND
TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE AND TO PROTECT MINORITY RIGHTS.
THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD BE SEEN
IN THE CONTEXT OF A BROADER EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THESE
GOALS WHICH HAS INVOLVED CONSULTATION WITH A NUMBER OF
BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS AND WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVING
A RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PART OF THE WORLD. ALL OF THE
AFRICAN LEADERS THE SECRETARY MET ON HIS TRIP TO THE
CONTINENT LAST APRIL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING
SOUTH AFRICA INTO THE PROCESS.

3. THE SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER REVIEWED IN
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GREAT DETAIL ALL OF THE ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN

SOUTHERN AFRICA. WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MOVING MATTERS TOWARD A SOLUTION AND AVOIDING THREATENING CONFLICTS IN THAT AREA, THEY LOOKED AT ALL OF THE POSSIBILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED BY VARIOUS PARTIES. THE TOPICS INCLUDED RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. WE BELIEVE THE SOUTH AFRICANS UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION IN THAT REGION AND THE URGENCY WITH WHICH THE SOLUTION MUST BE SOUGHT.

4. FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WENT TO AFRICA TO REPORT TO THE LEADERS OF THE BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOST CONCERNED AND TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS.

5. THE OFFICER DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE SHOULD NOT SPECULATE ON ANY ASPECT OF OUR ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

6. AMBASSADOR ONU'S REACTION TO THE EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ROBINSON

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